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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document is attached. This document is the Office Action issued in the co-pending Chinese patent application. Please be advised that the cited reference, U. S. Patent 5,577,131, has already been filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.



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